

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably contribute to the depth and breadth of this state's cultural foundations through the excellence of their contributions as visual artists; and

**Whereas**, William "Billyo" O'Donnell of Eureka, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction for a multi-year project that involves one hundred fifteen plein-air paintings created for publication in the "Painting Missouri" book; and

**Whereas**, a lifelong resident of Missouri, Billyo O'Donnell grew up in Pendleton, Missouri, and graduated from Warrenton High School, East Central College in Union, and Missouri State University in Springfield; and

**Whereas**, Billyo O'Donnell is universally praised as a landscape painter who rose to national prominence in the 1990s and is currently represented by galleries in Charleston, South Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; Lanai, Hawaii; and Saint Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Billyo O'Donnell uses his creative talents to better the quality of life in his hometown and its environs through his participation in the Christmas Cards for the "Heart" sponsored by the Saint Louis Division of the Greater Saint Louis American Heart Association, Artists Along the Missouri biannual event, Art to Help the Saint Louis Symphony and the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Artists Along the Katy Trail program, and Forest Park Paint-Out, which he founded; and

**Whereas**, an unsigned artwork created by Billyo O'Donnell and known to all Missourians is the Missouri state license plate; and

**Whereas**, Billyo O'Donnell is a member of the Saint Louis Artists Guild, California Art Club, Society of Illustrators, Oil Painters of America, National Oil and Acrylic Association, and Missouri Citizens for the Arts; and

**Whereas**, Billyo O'Donnell is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Peggy and the loving father of Megan, Timothy, and Erin O'Donnell:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Billyo O'Donnell and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the completion of his "Painting Missouri" book consisting of artwork created for each of the state's one hundred fourteen counties and the city not within a county, Saint Louis; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to William "Billyo" O'Donnell of Eureka, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael R. Frame  
District No. 105

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Representative Timothy W. Jones  
District No. 89

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker